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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 836

Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner
(Coauthor: Assembly Member V. Manuel Pérez)

February 21, 2013

An act to amend Section 1645 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentists.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 836, as amended, Skinner. Dentists: continuing education.

Existing law, the Dental Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of dentists by the Dental Board of California until January 1, 2016, at which time the board shall be subject to review by the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature. Existing law authorizes the board to require licentiates to complete continuing education hours as a condition of license renewal. Existing law authorizes the board to, by regulation, reduce the renewal fee for a licensee who has practiced dentistry for 20 years or more in this state, has reached the age of retirement under the federal Social Security Act, and customarily provides his or her services free of charge to any person, organization, or agency.

This bill would prohibit the board from requiring a retired dentist who provides only uncompensated care *to complete* more than 60% of the hours of continuing education that ~~is~~ *are* required of other licensed dentists. *The bill would require all of those hours of continuing education to be gained through courses related to the actual delivery*

of dental services to the patient or the community, as determined by the board. The bill would require the board to report on the outcome of that provision, pursuant to, and at the time of, its regular sunset review process.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1645 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:
3 1645. (a) Effective with the 1974 license renewal period, if
4 the board determines that the public health and safety would be
5 served by requiring all holders of licenses under this chapter to
6 continue their education after receiving a license, it may require,
7 as a condition to the renewal thereof, that they submit assurances
8 satisfactory to the board that they will, during the succeeding
9 two-year period, inform themselves of the developments in the
10 practice of dentistry occurring since the original issuance of their
11 licenses by pursuing one or more courses of study satisfactory to
12 the board or by other means deemed equivalent by the board.
13 The board shall adopt regulations providing for the suspension
14 of the licenses at the end of the two-year period until compliance
15 with the assurances provided for in this section is accomplished.
16 (b) The board may also, as a condition of license renewal,
17 require licentiates to successfully complete a portion of the required
18 continuing education hours in specific areas adopted in regulations
19 by the board. The board may prescribe this mandatory coursework
20 within the general areas of patient care, health and safety, and law
21 and ethics. The mandatory coursework prescribed by the board
22 shall not exceed fifteen hours per renewal period for dentists, and
23 seven and one-half hours per renewal period for dental auxiliaries.
24 Any mandatory coursework required by the board shall be credited
25 toward the continuing education requirements established by the
26 board pursuant to subdivision (a).
27 (c) For a retired dentist who provides only uncompensated care,
28 the board shall not require more than 60 percent of the hours of
29 continuing education that ~~is~~ are required of other licensed dentists.
30 *Notwithstanding subdivision (b), all of the hours of continuing*
31 *education as described in this subdivision shall be gained through*

1 *courses related to the actual delivery of dental services to the*
2 *patient or the community, as determined by the board.* Nothing in
3 this subdivision shall be construed to reduce any requirements
4 imposed by the board pursuant to subdivision (b).

5 (d) The board shall report on the outcome of subdivision (c)
6 pursuant to, and at the time of, its regular sunset review process,
7 as provided in Section 1601.1.

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